

Letter from Sarah Fuller to Alexander Graham Bell, September 25, 1892

The News.

Friday, September 23, 1892.

The War Recalled.

The reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Washington this week, has been a grand affair. The city, dressed in flags from the dome of the capitol, where four great banners float under the feet of the Goddess of Liberty, to the humblest negro cabin, with its tiny cotton streamers, seemed more beautiful than ever before. The Grand Army veterans were royally entertained by the people of Washington. The capitol of the nation presented a sight which has never before been witnessed since the days of '65. The men who fought to keep the stars and stripes floating over an undivided country met in encampment in the heart of our country. Old friendships were renewed; old familiar faces recalled, camp stories retold. But beneath this scene of merriment their lies a sadder feeling. Many a hero who faced the storms of shot and shell will ere another year have gone to his reward in Heaven. It will not be a great while before the Grand Army will be a thing of the past, but its members and their noble deeds and services, performed in the dark hours of our Republic, will never die, but remain as a guiding star to shape the course of future American citizens.

The cholera appears to have died out in New York.

There are four cases of cholera on the ship "Bohemia."

Rockaway Beach, L. I. ,—The largest fire that has ever occurred on the Long Island coast broke out on Tuesday of this week and destroyed 100 hotels and left 160 acres in ashes.

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The scarcity of water gave the fire a chance to make great headway. The firemen were unable to get the fire under control. The loss by fire is estimated at half a million dollars.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand people will be crowded into one building at the Worlds' Fair in Chicago, during the exercises of dedicating. A platform will be built at the east side of this room and President Harrison will deliver his oration from this platform.

Governor Russell was at the Oxford town fair on Tuesday of this week.

At the Northampton fair on Tuesday the baby show had more visitors than the cattle. There were 136 babies, two pairs of twins. The babies each received a prize.

President Harrison's wife, who has been very ill, was carried this week to her home the White House in Washington.